

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/July 22-August 1, 2004

Eastern Region Chip Seal

SR 23/Lords Creek to SR 28 (MP54-66)-In Lincoln County

SR 31/Tiger to Metaline Falls (MP 0-14)-In Pend Oreille County

SR 261/Sutton Rd. to I-90 (MP 44-62)-In Adams County

SR 291/Suncrest to SR 231 (MP 14-33)-In Stevens County

The work schedule for these sections is extremely variable, depending on weather and material availability. Chip seal and/or fog seal work may be underway in one or more of these sections over the next week. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and/or fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

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<u>NEW!! SR 21/Sanpoil River Bridges (MP 130-142)</u>-Contractor crews will begin work on four small bridges in this section of SR 21 in Ferry County. Work consists of placing rock material to curb erosion and takes place under the bridge structures. Equipment staging and access to the work area may require some lane restrictions at times.

<u>SR 28/Harrington to Davenport (MP 117-130)</u>-Sign and guidepost installation underway with possible intermittent lane restrictions. Additional roadwork items are planned for August.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Adams County Line to Spokane County Line (MP 239-255)- The eastbound and westbound Sprague Lake Rest Areas remain closed for parking lot pavement sealing. They should be back in service early Saturday morning (7/24). In other project activity, paving is complete, however illumination, drainage, paint striping, recessed pavement marker installation, and earthwork are underway on various sections of I-90 within these project limits. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit is reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect.

<u>I-90/ITS (Cameras & Variable Message Sign) (MP 280-287)</u>- Some lane restrictions are possible on local streets to facilitate electrical work on nearby camera poles. No delays expected. On Wednesday evening, July 28, beginning at 8:30 p.m., crews will close the right lane on westbound I-90 near Division Street (MP 281) for work on the adjacent camera mount. The work may take several hours. No delays expected.

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HIGH IMPACT!! 1-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)- The legal speed limit in this section is now 50 mph. Motorists should be alert for new speed limit signs. Concrete paving is underway at night. Work will not impact freeway traffic however increased construction activity adjacent to the freeway lanes may distract drivers. Intermittent nighttime on and off ramp restrictions are possible in order to move paving equipment from one location to another. In general, travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders are 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. Onramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be extremely alert within this work zone and be on a special lookout for vehicles slowing ahead near on ramps.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Sullivan to Idaho (MP 292-299)—Nighttime grinding and paving operations is underway. On/off ramps at Barker Rd., Greenacres, Liberty Lake, and the Idaho Rd. will be impacted at various times. Message signs will be placed in advance of any ramp closure to warn motorists and will be in use during the closures. No two consecutive on or off ramps will be closed at the same time. Ramp closures will occur after 7pm and be open by 6am. Also, motorists should expect some freeway lane restrictions for various construction activities in the eastbound and westbound lanes. No daytime lane restrictions.

<u>NEW!! US 195/Steptoe (MP 48)</u>-On Wednesday, July 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., WSDOT bridge repair crews will be making repairs on this bridge just north of Steptoe. Drivers should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers with short delays.

<u>SR 290/Trent Avenue Bridge (MP 1)</u>-Items on the schedule include removal of temporary work bridge structures with roadway finish work at times. Possible lane restrictions. <u>No delays</u> expected.

<u>US 395/Just north of Hastings Road (MP 166½)</u>-Signal system work may be underway at the intersection of Division and Farwell north of Spokane. Possible lane restrictions and delays. This work is being done by the developer of the adjacent retail center.

<u>US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges</u>- Bridge pier footing work is underway. Watch for trucks entering and exiting Farwell Road from the work area. No main highway traffic impacts. Sewer work will be underway on Farwell Road will possible lane restrictions and single lane traffic directed by flaggers.

<u>SR 20/Clark and 6th Streets in Republic (MP 303)-</u>City street work underway. Paving on Clark Street is done. Paving work may be underway on 6th. This is a City of Republic project with WSDOT participation. Contact (509) 775-2929.